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European Patent Application No. 91300506.2
Your file: 31788
Our file: PM-1475 (EPO)

Dear Patrick:

I am writing in response to Charles Glenn's August 11, 1992 letter to you concerning the April 15, 1992 European Search Report in this case.

In accordance with our usual policy, we prefer not to comment on the references cited in the search report until they are substantively applied by an Examiner. This is especially the case where, as here, they are cited only as technological background. We note, however, that U.S. Patent 3,200,819 is of record in the priority case (but not applied by the Examiner) and that a U.S. patent corresponding to EP 0 358 002 was relied upon by the U.S. Examiner in rejecting the as-filed claims.

Also, it may be of interest to note that the priority case issued as U.S. Patent 5,095,921, on March 17, 1992, and that a continuation application has recently been allowed. If you would like a copy of the patent, or if I can be of any further assistance, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

Jeffrey H. Ingerman

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cc: Charles E.B. Glenn, Esq.

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